Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 26 Sep 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 27 Sep 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 25 Sep 2021 at 15:11 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for windy and wet weather later on Sunday and Monday morning, also high confidence for a generally unsettled week of weather with a series of low pressures moving towards the UK later in the week.

Headline for Sunday 26 Sep 2021: Gales, some bright spells, heavy rain in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 26 Sep 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	20%	20%	20%	60%	80%	80%

Forecast for Sunday 26 Sep 2021

Weather: Quite a lot of hill cloud and some light rain and drizzle for western ranges overnight, further north and east will be drier with some cloud breaks. A dry start with a few sunny spells, although the west will remain quite cloudy with some light precipitation at times. As the day goes on it will cloud over from the west with some rain by mid afternoon, this spreads east during the afternoon, although the hill of the far north around Ben Hope may remain dry. Rain will become heavy and quite persistent through the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: In the south and west, 30% with quite extensive low cloud associated with some light rain and drizzle. East and north will be clearer for much of the day, perhaps 60% decreasing to 30% in the evening.

Visibility: During the morning a lot of ranges will have reasonable visibility, in the west around Skye and Torridon it may be poor at times in light rain and drizzle and extensive low cloud from 400m and above. During the evening there may be a period of quite squally rainfall as the front cross the area and poor visibility associated with this for a time. Further east around Ben Wyvis the tops of most ranges will be clear until mid afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	41/51 S	37/46 S	37/47 S	39/51 S	43/57 S	38/50 S	24/32 SW	17/22 SW	15/20 S
900	39/49 S	34/44 S	34/45 S	36/47 S	40/54 S	35/47 S	21/30 SW	15/21 SW	14/19 S
600	27/37 S	25/34 S	25/35 S	25/37 S	30/44 S	26/38 S	15/24 SW	11/16 SW	10/15 S
300	8/35 S	7/32 S	7/32 S	8/35 S	13/43 S	10/37 S	5/20 SW	3/13 S	3/13 S
Glen	13/28 S	10/25 S	12/29 S	15/33 S	19/38 S	17/35 S	7/16 SW	5/12 S	5/13 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	8/3	9/4	8/3	8/2	9/3	9/4	6/1	5/0	4/-1
900	9/4	10/5	9/4	9/4	10/5	10/5	7/2	6/1	5/0
600	12/7	12/8	11/8	11/7	12/8	12/8	9/6	8/5	7/4
300	14/12	13/12	13/13	14/13	15/13	14/12	11/10	10/9	9/8
Glen	16/14	15/14	16/14	16/13	17/14	16/13	13/12	12/11	11/10
Freezing Level*	2700m	2500m	2400m	2200m	2700m	2700m	2200m	1800m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Southerly gales during the day with frequent stronger gusts on the higher munros, a very blustery late afternoon/evening period.

Forecast for Monday 27 Sep 2021

Weather: A lot of heavy rain from midnight to dawn period on Monday morning, quite persistent and heavy at times. Rain moving away east shortly after dawn and some sunny spells and brighter weather expected behind with a cloud clearing too. A marked fresher feel with frequent showers developing.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 15-20mph, stronger gusts early in the morning but winds moderating around dawn. Winds becoming gusty by late afternoon again especially around showers (Gusts 30-35mph).

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: From daybreak 80% with cloud clearing away after the rain, most hilltops becoming visible, perhaps a few patches of cloud at first. Cloud reforming in heavier showers.

Visibility: After the rain clears visibility will be very good, perhaps dipping moderate in any afternoon showers. A few patches of lower cloud at 6-700m in the morning and scattered cloud at 600m in heavier showers in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 falling to 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius dropping to 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits, falling to the height of the highest munros by evening.

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